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5. Argentina

President Viola's authority is being undermined, and the effectiveness--and potentially the survival of his government is at stake. Viola is hemmed in by the military junta that formally selected him, and is subject to second-guessing by military officers and government officials alike. Some officers are said to favor replacing him. The erosion of Viola's authority complicates the handling of the delicate economic situation and emboldens military opponents of his relatively moderate political program. The ascendance of his opponents could open the way for deteriorating civil-military relations. This in turn would complicate US efforts to improve bilateral relations.

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